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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN RECOGNITION

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1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF A, WE DREW FULLY ON REF B AT NOVEMBER 11 POLADS INDICATING THAT US DEMARCHE WAS PARALLEL TO AND IN SUPPORT OF BILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT THE US IS MAKING IN NATO CAPITALS.

2. CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE US ANALYSIS AND INDICATED IT AGREED WITH OTTAWAS VIEW. HE SAID OTTAWA WOULD NO DOUBT TAKE AN APPROACH SIMILAR TO THAT OF WASHINGTON ON THE QUESTION OF RECOGNIZING A GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. ITALINA REP (FERRETTI), SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE EC NINE, REPORTED THAT AT THEIR OCTOBER 30 MEETING EC FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED NOT TO MAKE ANY HASTY MOVES WITH REGARD TO RECOGNITION OF AN ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. UK REP (MARGETSON) SAID THAT BRITISH CIRTERIA FOR DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION WERE WELL KNOWN AND HE WAS CONFIDENT HIS GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD JUDGE THE MPLA AS BEING IN CONTROL OF ONLY A MINORITY OF THE POPULATION AND TERRITORY OF ANGOLA.

3. FRENCH REP (BEAUCHATAUD) SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE US

VIEWS PROMPTLY TO PARIS. HOWEVER, ALLUDING TO POLADS DISCUSSION OF CRITICISM OF NATO AT THE UN, HE CAUTIONED ON THE NEED FOR UTMOST CONFIDENTIALITY ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. HE SUGGESTED THE ALLIES WOULD NOT WISH TO GIVE NATO CRITICS AT THE UN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARGING THE ALLIANCE WITH MEDDLING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN NATIONS.

4. AFTER POLADS MEETING, PORTUGUESE REP (DE MACEDO) PRIVATELY THANKED US REP FOR RAISING THE ANGOLAN RECOGNITION ISSUE.  
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